

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 02/28/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 68-75, 78-81 and 83.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 03082006.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings filed on 02/05/2004 are acceptable by the examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Chen Liang on 03/08/2006.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claim 67.

In claim 68, line 5, insert the phrase --wherein the support device includes first and second rollers coupled to the support material and rotatable relative to each other to advance the support material from the first roller to the second roller-- after the word "position".

In claim 68, line 7, insert the phrase --positioned over the support device and-- between the words "nozzle" and "operatively".

In claim 68, line 12, insert the phrase --for receiving the discrete texture elements--between the words "nozzle" and "and".

In claim 68, line 13, insert the phrase --for disposing the received discrete texture elements on the support material-- between the words "material" and "when".

In claim 69, line 5, insert the phrase --wherein the support device includes first and second rollers coupled to the support material and rotatable relative to each other to advance the support material from the first roller to the second roller-- after the word "position".

In claim 69, line 7, insert the phrase --positioned over the support device and-- between the words "nozzle" and "operatively".

In claim 69, line 8, insert the word --being--between the words "nozzle" and "configured".

In claim 72, line 5, insert the phrase --wherein the support device includes first and second rollers coupled to the support material and rotatable relative to each other to advance the support material from the first roller to the second roller-- after the word "position".

In claim 72, line 7, insert the phrase --positioned over the support device and-- between the words "nozzle" and "operatively".

In claim 72, line 8, insert the word --being-- between the words "nozzle" and "configured".

In claim 75, line 5, insert the phrase --wherein the support device includes first and second rollers coupled to the support material and rotatable relative to each other

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to advance the support material from the first roller to the second roller-- after the word "position".

In claim 75, line 10, insert the phrase -- over the support device -- between the words "positioned" and "to".

In claim 75, line 13, insert the phrase --for receiving the discrete texture elements-- between the words "nozzle" and "and".

In claim 75, line 14, insert the phrase --for disposing the received discrete texture elements on the support material-- between the words "material" and "when".

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In claim 78, line 5, insert the phrase --wherein the support device includes first and second rollers coupled to the support material and rotatable relative to each other to advance the support material from the first roller to the second roller-- after the word "position".

In claim 78, line 10, insert the phrase -- over the support device -- between the words "positioned" and "to".

In claim 78, line 15, insert the phrase --positioned over the support device and-- between the words "being" and "offset".

In claim 79, line 5, insert the phrase --wherein the support device includes first and second rollers coupled to the support material and rotatable relative to each other to advance the support material from the first roller to the second roller-- after the word "position".

In claim 79, line 10, insert the phrase -- over the support device -- between the words "positioned" and "to".

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 68-75, 78-81 and 83 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: see reasons for allowance described on 11/29/2006.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yewebdar T. Tadesse whose telephone number is (571) 272-1238. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Fiorilla can be reached on (571) 272-1187. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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